

**VILLAGE OF NORTH BRANCH  
ANIMAL NUISANCE ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO. 24**

An ordinance to regulate the keeping of livestock and poultry within the Village of North Branch; to prohibit animals from running at large; and to provide penalties for violations.

**THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BRANCH ORDAINS:**

Section 1. DEFINITION. For purposes of this ordinance, the term "farm animals" shall include any hoofed animals and any poultry. This shall include, but not be limited to horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and similar animals.

Section 2. RIGHT TO KEEP FARM ANIMALS. No person shall keep or harbor farm animals on any property within the Village limits unless the farm animals are located on a farm which had such farm animals on the effective date of the Village Zoning Ordinance, December 1, 1980 or unless a zoning variance has been granted.

Section 3. RESTRAINT. Any person keeping farm animals within the Village shall restrain such animals from running at large.

Section 4. LIABILITY. Any person who fails to keep farm animals restrained by adequate fences shall be fully liable for any damage caused by said animals to private or public property.

Section 5. PENALTY. Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

The undersigned President and Clerk of the Village of North Branch hereby certify that this

ordinance was adopted by the North Branch Village Council at a meeting held on the 27th

day of June, 1985 and was published in the North Branch Gazette on the 2nd day of July, 1985. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after said date of adoption.

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Thelma Lamiman, President

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Betty Weingartz, Clerk